Removal of Munshi Premchand's novel 'Nirmala' from Hindi syllabus

†3260. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI :
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that various literary-cultural organizations of the country have expressed their anguish over the decision to remove Munshi Premchand's novel 'Nirmala' from Hindi syllabus of 12th class by Central Board of Secondary Education;

(b) whether they have given any memorandum to the Chairman of the Board in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Board has received certain representations from 'Janvadi Lekhak Sangh' with regard to removal of Munshi Premchand's novel 'Nirmala' in class 12th by Central Board of Secondary Education.

(c) The Board has provided an alternative to 'Nirmala' by Munshi Premchand with 'Jyon Mehandi Ko Rang' by Mridula Sinha in Hindi Elective of class 12th for the examination of March, 2004. The students will have an option to choose from out of the two novels.

For March, 2005 examination, the Board has introduced 'Rangbhoomi' by Munshi Premchand in place of 'Nirmala' as its alternative 'Jyon Mehandi Ko Rang'. The students will have an option to choose from out of the two novels.

Change in CBSE syllabus

3261. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while CBSE syllabus of science and commerce subjects has been revised, but such revision in case of various subjects of humanities is facing opposition from various quarters;

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(b) if so, what are the reasons for this opposition and whether efforts are being made to come to a consensus on this issue; and

(c) what has been the periodicity of changing the CBSE syllabus in the past ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The CBSE has adopted/adapted the syllabi formulated by NCERT according to the revised National Curricular Framework. The Board has not received any opposition for the introduction of new syllabi for any of the subject.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The revision of curriculum is a continuous process and accordingly the Board reviews the curriculum through its subject committees in a regular manner.

NGOs in implementation of women and child development programmes

3262. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government agencies and NGOs engaged in the implementation of women and child development programmes;

(b) the amount released to each such agency during the last three years, with the details of the task assigned;

(c) whether there has been reports of misuse, misappropriation of grants and non-performance by many of the agencies;

(d) if so, the details of such cases and action taken against the defaulting agencies;

(e) whether Government propose to set up an agency to monitor the activities of recipient agencies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) and (b) Details of agencies, both Government and Non-Government, engaged in the implementation of various women and child development programmes and funds released to them, programme-wise, are available in the Annual Reports of the Department of Women and Child Development, which are available in the library of the Parliament.